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Attached please find the following for filing in the above-identified application.

- (1) Amendment in response to Office Action dated October 19, 2005; and
- (2) Amendment Transmittal

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

In re the application of:

Tetsuyuki Kurata et al.

Confirmation No.: 9612

Application No.: 10/016,913

Examiner: Sang H. Nguyen

Filed: December 14, 2001

Group Art Unit: 2877

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DETECTING GAP OF LIQUID-CRYSTAL PANEL
AND APPARATUS THEREFOR

Mail Stop Amendment
 Commissioner for Patents
 P.O. Box 1450
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

Enclosed are:

[X] Amendment (21 pages).
 [] Petition for Extension of Period for Response.
 [] _____.

The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

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Application No. 10/016,913

[] Applicant(s) is/are entitled to small entity status in accordance with 37 CFR 1.27.

[] A check in the amount of \$____ is attached. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 for presentation of extra claims or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 16-0631.

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action of October 19, 2005, amendment to the above-identified patent application is requested.

The present amendment comprises the following sections:

A. Amendments to the Claims

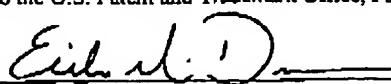
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